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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

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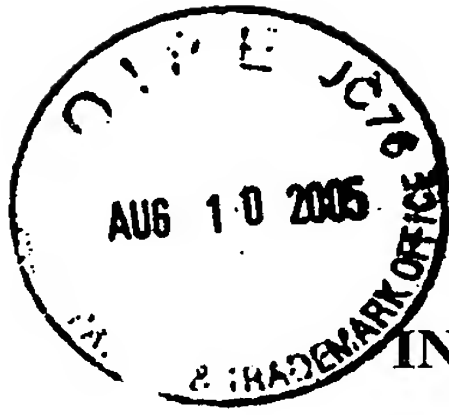
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For: STRUCTURE FOR SHIELDING EXPOSED
PART OF CORE WIRE OF TERMINAL
BLOCK IN CLOTHES DRYER

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PRE-APPEAL REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Sir:

The Applicants request a review of the final Office Action dated March 11, 2005 for the reasons discussed below.

The Office Action rejected claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,010,996 to *Hopkins et al.* (hereinafter "*Hopkins*"). Claim 4 is an independent claim; claims 5 and 6 depend therefrom. Claim 4 recites a laundry dryer control panel which includes, among other features, a "terminal block having a lower part and an upper part," "a first wire extending out of the terminal block lower part" and "a second wire extending out of the terminal block upper part." In addition, claim 4 recites a wall which "extends from the terminal block such that the wall shields an exposed portion of the first wire and the second wire."

The Office Action alleged that *Hopkins* discloses a terminal block 138 having a lower part 140 and an upper part 142. The Office Action also alleged that *Hopkins* discloses a first

wire 32 or 170 extending out of a terminal block lower part and a second wire 170 or 32 extending out of the terminal block upper part. *See e.g.*, The Final Office Action at page 3.

In Applicants' after final response filed on June 7, 2005 (hereinafter "response") on page 4, last paragraph, and on page 5, first paragraph, the Applicants explain why "a first wire extending out of the terminal block lower part," "a second wire extending out of the terminal block upper part," and a wall which "extends from the terminal block such that the wall shields an exposed portion of the first wire and the second wire" are not disclosed in *Hopkins* and, accordingly, why claims 4-6 are patentable over *Hopkins*.

In addition, the Office Action rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,742,708 to *McCormick* (hereinafter "*McCormick*") in view of *Hopkins*.¹ Claim 1 is an independent claim. Claim 3 depends from claim 1. Claim 1 recites a structure for shielding an exposed part of core wire, where the structure includes, among other features, "a wall for shielding an exposed part of core wire extending from an upper front portion and a lower front portion of the terminal block." As correctly pointed out in the final Office Action, *McCormick* fails to disclose this feature. *See e.g.*, The Final Office Action at page 4. Similarly, as discussed above, *Hopkins* does not disclose this feature. Thus, neither of the references, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest all the features recited in claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 and claim 3 are allowable over *McCormick* in view of *Hopkins*.

The Office Action also rejected claim 2 as being unpatentable over *McCormick* in view of *Hopkins* in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,820,189 to *Sergeant et al.* Claim 2 also depends from claim 1. The Applicant provided an explanation as to why claim 2 is patentable over the cited references on page 6, second paragraph, of the June 7, 2005 response.

¹ The Office Action dated March 11, 2005 did not specifically indicate that claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *McCormick* in view of *Hopkins*. However, Examiner Gravini indicated

In light of the remarks noted above, the Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentable over the prior art cited in the March 11, 2005 final Office Action. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the PTO issue a Notice of Allowance or a new Office Action.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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to the Applicants' representative on March 15, 2005 that claims 1 and 3 were, in fact, rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).